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**At Miami Night Spot**

# Celebrities, Hoodlum Caught by FBI 'Bugs'

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When the FBI bugged a fashionable hoodlum hangout here in the 1960s, agents were uninvited guests at parties for Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr. and crime boss Santo Trafficante.

The tapes from the secret recordings also mention Dade County businessmen and nationally known racketeers who dined, visited or called at the now-defunct Puccini's Restaurant on the 79th Street Causeway.

LOGS OF the electronic surveillance — which was illegal even for the FBI back in 1962 and 1963 — became public Thursday when the Justice Department produced them for inspection by attorneys defending Miami Teamsters official Donald F. Gillette and Joe Fischetti, a cousin of the late Al Capone. They were indicted on labor racketeering charges in U.S. District Court in June.

Defense attorneys had asked to see any logs of electronic surveillance on Fischetti. At first, Justice Department Task Force attorneys said no listening devices were used to support the current charges, and that they were unaware of any from the past.

However, the FBI dusted off some old files and came up with two years of electronic snooping at the mobster watering hole. Many of the pages of the three logbooks feature Fischetti and his conversations with the high and the mighty.



**Frank Sinatra**  
... socked in



**Sammy Davis Jr.**  
... bookings



**Santo Trafficante**  
... in Italian

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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Date: 8/28/70

Edition:

Author:

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Title: DONALD F. GILLETTE

Character: AR

or

Classification: RM 92-99

Submitting Office: MIAMI, FLA.

☐ Being Investigated

cc: 92-88

92-99-1026

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~~GILLETTE~~, recording ~~see~~  
secretary of Teamsters Local  
769, was not the subject of  
any electronic surveillance  
and his name does not ap-  
pear in the FBI logs.

Fischetti — and his rela-  
tives — had a piece of the  
action when Puccini's was  
serving fancy Italian cuisine.

The tapes also show that  
he was well acquainted with  
entertainers and Miami  
Beach hotelmen who booked  
big time acts. Some of the  
conversations put Fischetti in  
a "go-between" role between  
actor and hotels.

IN FEBRUARY 1962, ac-  
cording to the logs, an un-  
identified man "tells Joe Fis-  
chetti that Ben Novak  
(owner of the Fontainebleau  
hotel) has been trying to call  
him." Fischetti calls Novak  
and "tells Novak he hasn't  
heard from Dean yet as he's  
been waiting to hear from  
Sammy," the logs go on.

The next month, Eden Roc  
owner Morris Landsburg  
phones Fischetti. The details  
of that conversation were not  
listed, but at another point in  
the logs Fischetti is advised  
that Landsburg heard a re-  
port of Sammy Davis book-  
ing his act at another hotel  
and "wants to know what  
Joe knows about it."

Fischetti doubts the other  
booking, saying "Sammy  
would let me know."

THAT SAME month Sina-  
tra is monitored at the res-  
taurant with Fischetti. The  
discussion is mostly about  
arrangements for Sinatra to  
get a flight out of town de-  
spite a socked-in airport. The  
log notes that Novak is ex-  
pected at the restaurant.

On New Year's Day in  
1962, Mafia chief Trafficante  
laughs, jokes and talks in  
Italian as he entertains  
friends from Atlanta. The  
language barrier, plus noise,

~~absurd and humorous also~~  
like the time that two restau-  
rant patrons attacked an es-  
caping mouse and Willie  
(Smoke) Alvisio watched an  
FBI car circle the block.

Alvisio is also picked up in  
another pointed conversation  
showing how "organized"  
organized crime had become  
in Miami in 1962-63.

Trigger Mike Cappola was  
the man who berthed the  
mob here, with the help of  
other hoods.

#### ONE CONVERSATION

kept the FBI boggled on  
what was said.

AGENTS PICKED UP con-  
versations about dinner res-  
ervations for Sammy Davis  
Jr. and for Janet Blair, and  
how Ed Sullivan was be-  
lieved to have enjoyed his  
dinner.

There was one quote from  
an unidentified man who said  
he had "just got in. Came  
down with the Kennedy  
Group." He said Peter Law-  
ford brought him down.

FBI agents monitored the

said the grapevine to other  
racketeers in the country  
was so good that a man  
could pull a robbery up  
North and "the boys" in  
Miami would not only know  
about it almost immediately,  
but could bet on what fence  
would take the loot.

Visiting firemen were al-  
ways welcome, and the logs  
indicated that "Jackie" was  
expected several times. This  
was Jackie (The Lackey) Ger-  
one, who held a heavy rein  
on the Chicago crime syndi-  
cate.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MIAMI [REDACTED]

DATE: 12/11/70

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] furnished the following information.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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1 - [REDACTED]  
1 - 92-1870  
RFF:pan  
(7) [REDACTED]

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1 - 92-99 (MISCHETTI)  
1 - 92-733  
1 - 179-43  
1 - 92-877

U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly [REDACTED]

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He learned that in the early morning hours of

[redacted]

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About 3 weeks ago or so [redacted]  
as JOE FISCHETTI were at the [redacted]  
at the Fontainebleau Hotel.

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[redacted] the Fontainebleau  
Hotel.

He understood that on [redacted]

[redacted] JOE FISCHETTI (name unknown) was at Harry's  
American Bar in the Eden Roc Hotel and allegedly was a  
good tipper. This individual was described as white, male.

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With respect to [redacted] he heard that [redacted]  
had been in New York City, the earlier part of [redacted],  
where he saw or met FRANK SINATRA [redacted]  
Jilly's Restaurant and Lounge in that city. On 11/10/70,

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[redacted]

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*Memorandum*

TO : SAC

MIAMI

DATE: 2/26/71

FROM : SA

☐ TE☒ CI☐ SI☐ R☐ PC☐ PCI☐ PSI☐ R (Prob)

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## Dates of Contact

File #s on which contacted (Use Titles if File #s not available or when CI provides positive information)

92-467

92-99 (FISCHETTI)

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92-1285

165-1182

162-891

## Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE☒ POSITIVE☐ STATISTIC

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Informant advised that it was known a person by  
the name of [redacted]  
Fontainebleau Hotel for the past two years.

Informant advised that [redacted]  
who resides at [redacted]  
the Fontainebleau  
Hotel.

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Has informant shown any indication of emotional instability, unreliability or  
furnishing false information?☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained  
by him since last contact.

Coverage

Top hoods

## PERSONAL DATA

1 - [redacted]

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1 - 165-1182

1 - 92-99

1 - 162-891

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[redacted]  
Informant advised that FRANK SINATRA's mother was a guest [redacted] at the Fontainebleau Hotel for one week and stayed in Penthouse B checking out on 2/13/71. Arrangements for Mrs. SINATRA's stay at the Fontainebleau Hotel were arranged by JOE FISCHETTI [redacted]

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[redacted] visits the Fontainebleau Hotel  
[redacted]

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC , MIAMI [REDACTED]

DATE: 9/28/71

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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☐ TE ☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R  
☒ PC ☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R (Prob)  
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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

## Dates of Contact

File #s on which contacted (Use File # if File #s not available or when CI provides positive information)

92-99

JOSEPH JOHN FISCHETTI

## Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE  
☒ POSITIVE  
☐ STATISTIC

Information herein contained obtained  
confidentially:

Informant's name is not to be disclosed in report  
or otherwise unless it has been decided definitely he is to  
be a witness in a trial or hearing.

[REDACTED] captioned source advised [REDACTED]  
the FISCHETTI family. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] on numerous occasions to  
various night clubs and restaurants in the Miami area.  
[REDACTED] FISCHETTI residence [REDACTED]  
actor FRANK SINATRA was staying

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Has informant shown any indication of emotional instability, unreliability or  
furnishing false information? No

☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained  
by him since last contact.

Coverage

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## PERSONAL DATA

1 - [REDACTED] (1) - 92-99 (FISCHETTI)  
HAC/blu (2)

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TO : SAC **MIAMI** [redacted]

DATE: **4/10/72**

FROM : SA [redacted]

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☒ TE ☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ E  
☐ PC ☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ E (Prob)  
☐ ☐ E (Ghetto)

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact	
[redacted]	
File #s on which contacted (use titles if file #s not available or when CI provides positive information)	
[redacted]	b2
<b>182-new</b>	b7C
<b>166-1204</b>	b7D
<b>182-714</b>	
<b>92-99</b>	<b>FISCHETTI</b>
Purpose and results of contact	
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC	<b>ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN WAS OBTAINED CONFIDENTIALLY. SOURCE OF THIS INFORMATION</b> [redacted] <b>AND EXTREME CARE SHOULD BE USED IN ANY POSSIBLE DISSEMINATION OUTSIDE THE BUREAU.</b>
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Has informant shown any indication of emotional instability, unreliability or furnishing false information? <b>NO</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Coverage
PERSONAL DATA	

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1- [redacted] 1- [redacted] 1-182-new  
1-166-1204 ( 1-182-714 1-92-99  
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**JOSEPH FISCHETTI**  
**92-99**

[redacted] source advised that FISCHETTI is currently "hanging out" at the Fountainebleau Hotel with "MA" SINATRA. Source stated this is unusual because FISCHETTI tries to stay away from the Fountainebleau because of "the heat" from the police.

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